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Water Agency Responds to Sewage Overflow Near Penngrove Lift Station

(Penngrove, CA) — On Monday, February 27, 2006, the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) responded to a sewage overflow that occurred near its Penngrove Lift Station located on Ely Road. The overflow was caused by recent heavy rains.

Crew members estimate that about 3,750 gallons of sewage overflowed from a manhole near the lift station and reached a nearby tributary of Lichau Creek. The Agency placed public health warning signs along the creek, dispatched a biologist to monitor the creek for any impacts to fish and wildlife, and collected water quality samples to determine if there were water quality effects resulting from the overflow.

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Office of Emergency Services, the Sonoma County Environmental Health Department, the California Department of Fish and Game, the National Marine Fisheries Services were notified of the overflow.

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